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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF EDUCATION DR.
VIRGINIA TROTTER

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1. DR. VIRGINIA TROTTER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, DEPARTMENT OF HEW, DEPARTED FROM ROMANIA TODAY AFTER A THREE-DAY STAY AS PARTICIPANT IN THE GROUP VISIT OF "THE ALLIANCE FOR ARTS" CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION AND THE ARTS ORGANIZED BY THE AMBASSADORS FOR FRIENDSHIP THROUGH THE ROMANIAN NATIONAL TOURIST OFFICE AND MINISTRY OF TOURISM. DURING HER STAY, DR. TROTTER CALLED ON HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, MINISTRY OF LABOR, AND STEFAN GHEORGHIU ACADEMY IN PROGRAM ARRANGED BY EMBASSY FOR NOVEMBER 2.

2. UPON ARRIVAL SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 1, DR. TROTTER AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS MET WITH MINISTER OF EDUCATION, NICULESCU-MIZIL. THE ONE-HOUR MEETING INVOLVED DISCUSSION OF THE STRUCTURE AND GOALS OF THE AMERICAN AND ROMANIAN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS. THE REMAINDER OF THE DAY AND SUNDAY WERE SPENT WITH THE AAE GROUP VISITING SCHOOLS AND OFFICIALS IN BRASOV, SINAIA, AND THE VILLAGE OF LARESTI.

3. NOVEMBER 3, DR. TROTTER HAD MEETINGS ARRANGED BY EMBASSY WITH MINISTRY OF EDUCATION DEPUTY
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MINISTER ALEXANDRESCU AND WITH SECRETARY GENERAL PESTISANU,

WHO LEAVES FOR THE U.S. IN TWO WEEKS ON AN EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST GRANT. HER PRESENCE HERE REINFORCED HIGH-LEVEL U.S. INTEREST IN EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES, AND PARTICULARLY THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAM ACTIVITY IN THE FIELDS OF CAREER AND CONTINUING EDUCATION AS A FOLLOW-UP TO DR. HOYT'S VISIT HERE LAST SUMMER. THE MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER HIDAS AND WITH PRO-RECTOR CUJIRA AT THE STEFAN GHORGHIU ACADEMY PRODUCED ANOTHER DISCUSSION ABOUT U.S. AND ROMANIAN EDUCATION; BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, THEY FURTHERED EFFORTS BY THE EMBASSY TO DEVELOP CONTACT WITH THOSE TWO INSTITUTIONS AND EMBASSY EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.

4. EMBASSY APPRECIATES COORDINATION BY DEPARTMENT AND HEW AND, ESPECIALLY DR. TROTTER'S COOPERATION DURING A TAXING ROUND OF ACTIVITIES ON OUR BEHALF. MEMCONS FOLLOW.
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